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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

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LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

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NOTICE OF DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019 FOR APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE WITH THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE MAIN STREET BONDS AND MAIN STREET NATURAL GAS, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the annexed motion (the "Motion") of the above-captioned debtors, as debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors"), for approval, pursuant to section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code and Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") of a settlement and compromise with The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as indenture trustee ("BNYM") and Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. ("Main Street"), all as more fully described in the Motion, will be held before the Honorable James M. Peck, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Customs House, Courtroom 601, One Bowling

Green, New York, New York 10004 (the "Bankruptcy Court"), on **December 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.** (**Prevailing Eastern Time**) (the "Hearing").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Motion shall be in writing, shall conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, shall set forth the name of the objecting party, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds thereof, shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's filing system, and (b) by all other parties in interest, on a CD-ROM or 3.5 inch disk, in text-searchable portable document format (PDF) (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with the customary practices of the Bankruptcy Court and General Order M-399, to the extent applicable, and served in accordance with General Order M-399 and on: (i) the chambers of the Honorable James M. Peck, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004; (ii) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 200 Crescent Court, Suite 300, Dallas, TX 75201, Attn: Stephen Youngman, Esq., attorneys for the Debtors; (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 2, 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004, Attn: Tracy Hope Davis, Esq., Elisabetta G. Gasparini, Esq. and Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq.; (iv) Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York 10005, Attn: Dennis F. Dunne, Esq., Dennis O'Donnell, Esq., and Evan Fleck, Esq., attorneys for the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases; (v) (a) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036, Attn: Amy Caton, Esq., and (b) Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, 120 Broadway, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York, 10271, Attn: Edward P. Zujkowski, attorneys for BNYM; and (vi) Alston & Bird LLP, One Atlantic Center, 1201 W.

Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, Attn: John C. Weitnauer, attorneys for Main Street, so as to be so filed and received no later than **December 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Eastern Time**) (the "Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if an objection to the Motion is not received by the Objection Deadline, the relief requested shall be deemed unopposed, and the Bankruptcy Court may enter an order granting the relief sought without a hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objecting parties are required to attend the Hearing, and failure to appear may result in relief being granted or denied upon default.

Dated: November 14, 2011 New York, New York

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TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>") and Lehman Brothers Commodity

Services Inc. ("<u>LBCS</u>" and together with their affiliated debtors in the above-referenced chapter

11 cases, as debtors and debtors-in-possession, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), file this motion and respectfully represent:

#### **Preliminary Statement**

1. After extensive discussions and negotiations, LBHI and LBCS have entered into a stipulation and agreement with The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., in

its capacity as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds (as defined below) ("BNYM") and Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. ("Main Street") to resolve the substantial claims filed by BNYM and Main Street against LBCS and LBHI arising out the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas, dated as of April 1, 2008, among LBCS and Main Street (the "Gas Purchase Agreement"), and the Guarantee of LBHI of LBCS's obligations under the Gas Purchase Agreement. A copy of the stipulation and agreement (the "Stipulation and Agreement") is attached hereto as Exhibit A.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Stipulation and Agreement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of LBCS and LBHI and their creditors. Accordingly, the Stipulation and Agreement should be approved.

#### **Relief Requested**

3. Pursuant to section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), LBCS and LBHI request approval of the Stipulation and Agreement and authorization to take all steps necessary to consummate the transactions set forth therein.

#### **Background**

4. Commencing on September 15, 2008 and periodically thereafter (as applicable, the "Commencement Date"), LBHI and certain of its subsidiaries commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. LBCS commenced its chapter 11 case on October 3, 2008. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The description and characterization in this Motion of (a) the events, facts and circumstances giving rise to the claims and disputes (and the settlement of certain of those claims and disputes) referenced herein and (b) the claims and disputes themselves, are for information purposes only, and are without prejudice to any claims, defenses, rights of setoff, debt, liens, losses, demands, damages, costs, and causes of action of whatever nature of LBCS, LBHI, BNYM, Main Street, and their respective affiliates, which shall be governed solely by the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement.

procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Bankruptcy Rules. The Debtors are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 5. On September 17, 2008, the United States Trustee for Region 2 (the "<u>U.S.</u> <u>Trustee</u>") appointed the statutory committee of unsecured creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Creditors' Committee").
- 6. On September 19, 2008, a proceeding was commenced under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("SIPA") with respect to Lehman Brothers Inc. ("LBI"). A trustee appointed under SIPA is administering LBI's estate.
- 7. On January 19, 2009, the U.S. Trustee appointed Anton R. Valukas as examiner in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Examiner") and by order, dated January 20, 2009, ECF No. 2583, the Court approved the U.S. Trustee's appointment of the Examiner. On March 11, 2010, the Examiner filed its report with the Court, ECF No. 7531.
- 8. By order dated July 2, 2009, the Court established various deadlines for creditors to file proofs of claim and related documents against the Debtors, ECF No. 4271.
- 9. On September 1, 2011, the Debtors filed their Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors, ECF No. 19628 (the "Plan"), and the Debtors' Disclosure Statement for the Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors Pursuant to Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, ECF No. 19629 (the "Disclosure Statement"). The Court approved the Disclosure Statement and voting procedures with respect to the Plan later that day, ECF No.

19631 (the "<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>"). On September 15, 2011, the Court entered an order approving a modification to the Disclosure Statement, ECF No. 20016.

#### **Jurisdiction**

10. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

#### **Lehman's Business**

- 11. Prior to the events leading up to these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors, together with their non-Debtor affiliates ("Lehman"), were the fourth largest investment bank in the United States. For more than 150 years, Lehman has been a leader in the global financial markets by serving the financial needs of corporations, governmental units, institutional clients and individuals worldwide.
- 12. Additional information regarding the Debtors' businesses, capital structures, and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is contained in the Affidavit of Ian T. Lowitt Pursuant to Rule 1007-2 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York in Support of First-Day Motions and Applications, filed on September 15, 2008, ECF No. 2, and the Disclosure Statement.

#### **The Gas Purchase Agreement**

13. Pursuant to the Gas Purchase Agreement, Main Street paid \$681,643,656 to LBCS as a prepayment for the purchase of certain quantities of natural gas over a thirty year period. To finance the prepayment price, Main Street issued the Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. Gas Project Revenue Bonds (the "Main Street Bonds") to investors pursuant to the Trust Indenture, dated as of April 1, 2008 among Main Street and BNYM, as trustee (the "Indenture"). To hedge its exposure to movements in gas prices, Main Street entered into a swap agreement with Calyon Bank, London Branch, pursuant to which Main Street was obligated to pay to

Calyon a specified amount based on the current spot rate of natural gas, and Calyon was obligated to pay to Main Street a fixed amount, in each case based on the the quantity of natural gas purchased by Main Street in the relevant period. Main Street sold the natural gas it purchased from LBCS to the City of Tallahassee, the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (Reedy Creek) (the "Customers") pursuant to separate supply contracts with each customer.

- 14. On September 17, 2008, LBCS ceased performing its obligations under the Gas Purchase Agreement. On September 22, 2011, Main Street delivered a Persistent Delivery Default Notice and a Notice of Termination of Gas Purchase Agreement, both pursuant to section 4.4 of the Gas Purchase Agreement, which provides that LBCS's failure to deliver gas for five consecutive days constitutes a "Persistent Delivery Default."
- 15. Section 4.4(b) of the Gas Purchase Agreement provides that: "In the event of termination under this Section 4.4, Seller shall pay Purchaser an amount equal to, without duplication, the Replacement Value of Gas not delivered prior to the Section 4.4 Termination Date, plus the Reimbursement Amount, plus the Unearned Amount, in each case determined as of the Section 4.4 Termination date."
- 16. The Replacement Value of Gas is generally defined in the Gas Purchase Agreement as the actual costs that Main Street or the Customers incurred to purchase substitute gas.
- 17. The Reimbursement Amount is defined in the Gas Purchase Agreement as "an amount equal to the Redemption Price [of the Main Street Bonds], plus any termination value of the Guaranteed Investment Contract owed by Purchaser, or minus any termination value of the Guaranteed Investment Contract to the extent irrevocably paid to Purchaser, plus any net

amounts under Purchaser's Commodity Swap owed by Purchaser, or minus any net amounts under Purchaser's Commodity Swap to the extent irrevocably paid to Purchaser, less the current balances in the Debt Service Fund and the Operating Reserve Fund, and plus any incidental or direct costs incurred by Purchaser as a result of termination of this [Gas Purchase Agreement]."

- 18. Unearned Amount is defined in the Gas Purchase Agreement as "the present value of the aggregate savings yet to be realized by Purchaser from delivery of Gas under this [Gas Purchase Agreement], discounted to the date of termination of this [Gas Purchase Agreement] at a fixed rate equal to the true interest cost on the Bonds."
- 19. LBHI issued a Guarantee, dated as of April 1, 2008 (the "Guarantee"), for the benefit of Main Street, of LBCS's obligations under the Gas Purchase Agreement.

#### **The Claims**

- 20. On September 22, 2009, BNYM filed, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, (i) a proof of claim (Claim No. 30106) asserting a claim of at least \$751 million in connection the Gas Purchase Agreement (the "BNYM LBCS Proof of Claim"), and (ii) a proof of claim (Claim No. 29890) asserting a claim of at least \$751 million in connection with the Guarantee (the "BNYM LBHI Proof of Claim," and, together with the BNYM LBCS Proof of Claim, the "BNYM Proofs of Claim"). The BNYM Proofs of Claim assert that the Replacement Amount of Gas is \$1,032,958.59, the Reimbursement Amount is \$709,060,000.00 (subject to adjustments in accordance with the definition in the Gas Purchase Agreement) and the Unearned Amount is \$59,174,042.00, among other elements of the claims.
- 21. On September 21, 2009, Main Street filed, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, (i) a proof of claim (Claim No. 21164) asserting a claim of at least \$751 million in connection with the Gas Purchase Agreement (the "Main Street LBCS Proof of Claim"), and (ii) a proof of

claim (Claim No. 21257) asserting a claim of at least \$751 million in connection with the Guarantee (the "Main Street LBHI Proof of Claim," and, together with the Main Street LBCS Proof of Claim, the "Main Street Proofs of Claim," and, collectively with the "BNYM Proofs of Claim," the "Proofs of Claim"). The Main Street Claims are based on the same calculations as the BNYM Claims and are duplicative of the BNYM Claims.

22. In connection with their attempt to reconcile the Proofs of Claim, the Debtors requested, and BNYM provided, additional information regarding the claim amounts. BNYM provided the Debtors with a supplement to their Proofs of Claim with detailed calculations regarding each component of the asserted claim amount.

#### The Dispute

- 23. The Debtors have engaged in extensive discussions and negotiations with BNYM regarding the merits and validity of the Proofs of Claim. As a result of such discussions, the dispute between the Debtors and BNYM and Main Street over the asserted claim amount is limited to certain components of the asserted claim. The Debtors agree to a \$674 million portion of the claim which was based on the Replacement Value of Gas and a portion of the Reimbursement Amount.
- 24. The dispute between the Debtors on one hand, and BNYM and Main Street on the other hand, lies primarily in the interpretation of the definition of Unearned Amount and the calculation thereof and the inclusion of accrued but unpaid interest in the Reimbursement Amount. The Debtors believe that the Unearned Amount should be less than the amount asserted by BNYM and Main Street. In addition, BNYM and Main Street asserted that the Reimbursement Amount should include accrued but unpaid interest on the Main Street Bonds as of the termination date of the Gas Purchase Agreement. However, the Debtors dispute BNYM's

claim for accrued and unpaid interest as they believe the definition of Reimbursement Amount excludes prepetition interest.

25. BNYM has also asserted that the BNYM LBHI Proof of Claim should be included in LBHI Class 5, as a Senior Third Party Guarantee Claim, as opposed to LBHI Class 9A, as a Third-Party Guarantee Claim Other Than Those of the Racers Trusts. The BNYM LBHI Proof of Claim was included in LBHI Class 5 for the purposes of estimating recoveries in the Recovery Analysis included in the Disclosure Statement. Claims designated as "senior" under the Plan are entitled to an enhanced distribution as compared to claims that are not "senior." Claims are deemed to be "senior" under the Plan if they fall within the definitions of Senior Debt in the indentures for subordinated notes issued by LBHI.

#### **The Stipulation and Agreement**<sup>2</sup>

- 26. The Debtors and BNYM have spent a significant amount of time and effort discussing the terms of the Gas Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and related documents and the proper interpretations thereof. To avoid protracted, costly, and uncertain litigation, the Debtors, BNYM and Main Street entered into the Stipulation and Agreement to resolve the disputes regarding the allowed amount of the Proofs of Claim. The salient terms of the Stipulation and Agreement are as follows:
  - (a) <u>The BNYM Claims</u>. The BNYM LBCS Claim will be allowed for all purposes under the Plan in LBCS Class 4 (General Unsecured Claims, of third parties) in the amount of \$722,000,000. The BNYM LBHI Claim will be allowed for all purposes under the Plan in LBHI Class 9A (Third Party Guarantee Claims Other Than Those of the RACERS Trusts) in the amount of \$722,000,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This summary is qualified in its entirety by the terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement. The summary is intended to be used for informational purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of the Stipulation and Agreement.

- (b) <u>The Main Street Claims.</u> Upon the effective date of the Stipulation and Agreement, the Main Street Claims will be deemed withdrawn.
- (c) <u>No Objection to Plan.</u> BNYM, solely in its role as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds, and Main Street each agrees that it will not participate in the formulation of, file, prosecute, consent to or support any chapter 11 plan in the chapter 11 cases other than the Plan, or take any other action to alter, delay or impede the confirmation and consummation of the Plan.
- (d) <u>Debtors' Release of Reserve Funds.</u> The Debtors agree that monies held by the Trustee in the Debt Service Fund, the Operating Reserve Fund, the General Fund or any of the other funds and accounts established by the Trustee or Main Street for the benefit of the bondholders or Main Street pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Indenture, are not property of the Debtors' estates, and the Debtors will relinquish any and all rights, if any, that they may have in these funds.
- 27. BNYM is acting solely in its capacity as indenture trustee for the holders of the Main Street Bonds, and does not have an economic interest in the Main Street Bonds.

  BNYM has requested a finding by this Court that it has no liability in connection with the Stipulation and Agreement and holders of the Main Street Bonds be enjoined from asserting claims against BNYM arising from its negotiation of and entry into the Stipulation and Agreement. Main Street assisted BNYM in providing more information for the settlement discussions and has agreed that it will withdraw its claims as a part of the settlement. Main Street has similarly requested a finding that it has no liability from the negotiation and entry into the Stipulation and Agreement. BNYM has informed the Debtors that it will serve a copy of this Motion and the Stipulation and Agreement on each holder of the Main Street Bonds.

#### The Stipulation and Agreement is Fair and Equitable, Falls Well Within the Range of Reasonableness, and Should Be Approved

28. Entry into the Stipulation and Agreement is in the best interests of the Lehman Parties and should be approved under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that "[t]he court may issue any order . . . that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." 11

- U.S.C. § 105(a). Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) provides that, "[o]n motion by the [debtor in possession] and after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement." FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019(a). In granting a motion pursuant to Rule 9019(a), a court must find that the proposed settlement is fair and equitable and is in the best interests of the estate. *Fischer v. Pereira* (*In re 47-49 Charles St., Inc.*), 209 B.R. 618, 620 (S.D.N.Y. 1997); *Air Line Pilots Ass'n, Int'l v. Am. Nat'l Bank and Trust Co. of Chicago (In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc.)*, 156 B.R. 414, 426 (S.D.N.Y. 1993), *aff'd*, 17 F.3d 600 (2d Cir. 1994).
- 29. The decision to approve a particular settlement lies within the sound discretion of the bankruptcy court. *Nellis v. Shugrue*, 165 B.R. 115, 123 (S.D.N.Y. 1994). It is the responsibility of a court to examine a settlement and determine whether it "fall[s] below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness." *Cosoff v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.)*, 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir. 1983); *In re Spielfogel*, 211 B.R. 133, 144 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1997). A court may exercise its discretion "in light of the general public policy favoring settlements." *In re Hibbard Brown & Co., Inc.*, 217 B.R. 41, 46 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998).
- 30. A court need not conduct a "mini-trial" of the merits of the claims being settled, *In re Purofied Down Prods. Corp.*, 150 B.R. 519, 522 (S.D.N.Y. 1993), or conduct a full independent investigation. *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc.*, 134 B.R. 493, 496 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991). "The bankruptcy judge does not have to decide the numerous questions of law and fact. . . The court need only canvass the settlement to determine whether it is within the acceptable range of reasonableness." *Nellis*, 165 B.R. at 123 (internal citations omitted).
- 31. A court may give weight to the informed judgment of the debtor that a compromise is fair and equitable. *In re Purofied Down Prods. Corp.*, 150 B.R. at 522; *accord In re Ashford Hotels Ltd.*, 226 B.R. 797, 802 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998) ("Significantly, that test does

not contemplate that I substitute my judgment for the Trustee's, but only that I test his choice for reasonableness. . . If the Trustee chooses one of two reasonable choices, I must approve that choice, even if, all things being equal, I would have selected the other.").

- 32. The settlement and compromise set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement satisfies the standard for approval. LBCS and LBHI have determined that the Stipulation and Agreement provides a fair and efficient resolution of their disputes with BNYM and Main Street over the amount of the Proofs of Claim and avoids the expense and risk inherent in litigating such claims.
- 33. Because LBCS and LBHI recognize they may have substantial liabilities arising out of the transactions with Main Street, the prospects of success with respect to defending against the claims are uncertain, and in any event, will require costly and protracted litigation with BNYM and Main Street requiring significant expenditures of both time and resources by LBCS and LBHI and their professionals. The amount of each claim allowed pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement is below the amount asserted by BNYM and Main Street. Based upon their analysis of the likelihood of success in litigation regarding the interpretation of the Gas Purchase Agreement and the Indenture, LBCS and LBHI have determined that the amounts of the claims allowed pursuant to the Stipulation and Agreement are reasonable, particularly when considered in light of the other benefits of the Stipulation and Agreement.
- 34. The terms of the Stipulation and Agreement are the product of an extended, good-faith, arms'-length negotiation process. The Debtors, BNYM and Main Street are each represented by competent counsel, and the Debtors and BNYM participated in

numerous meetings and negotiations. The terms of the Stipulation and Agreement provide mutually-acceptable benefits and burdens to the parties.

35. The Debtors have kept counsel for the Creditors' Committee apprised of their negotiations with BNYM and of the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement. The Creditors' Committee supports the agreement to allow the claims in the amounts set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement.

#### **Notice**

36. No trustee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors have served notice of this Motion on (i) the U.S. Trustee for Region 2; (ii) the attorneys for the Creditors' Committee; (iii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iv) the Internal Revenue Service; (v) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (vi) the attorneys for BNYM; (vii) the attorneys for Main Street; and (viii) all other parties entitled to notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010 governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases, ECF No. 9635.

BNYM has informed the Debtors that it will provide notice of this Motion, along with a separate notice prepared by BNYM, to the holders of the Main Street Bonds in a manner consistent with the terms of the Indenture and Gas Purchase Agreement. The Debtors submit that no other or further notice need be provided.

37. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that the Court grant the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: November 14, 2011 New York, New York

/s/ Stephen A. Youngman
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### Exhibit A

(Stipulation and Agreement)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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# STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AMONG THE DEBTORS, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AND MAIN STREET NATURAL GAS, INC.

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

This Stipulation and Agreement (the "Stipulation and Agreement") is entered into by and among Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") and its affiliated debtors in the above referenced chapter 11 cases, as debtors in possession (together, the "Debtors"), The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., in its capacity as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds (as defined below) ("BNYM"), and Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. ("Main Street"). The Debtors, BNYM, and Main Street shall each be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### **RECITALS**

A. WHEREAS, BNYM is the indenture trustee for the publicly issued \$709,060,000 in aggregate principal amount of Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. Gas Project Revenue Bonds, Series 2008A (the "Main Street Bonds") issued by Main Street pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture, dated as of April 1, 2008, between Main Street and BNYM.

- B. WHEREAS, on September 15, 2008 and periodically thereafter, LBHI and other Debtors commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").
- C. WHEREAS, on July 2, 2009, this Court issued an *Order Pursuant to*Section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) Establishing the
  Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim, Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and
  Approving the Proof of Claim Form [ECF No. 4271] (the "Bar Date Order").
- D. WHEREAS, on September 22, 2009, BNYM filed, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, (i) a proof of claim, assigned claim number 30106 by the Debtors' claims agent, in connection with that certain Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas, dated as of April 1, 2008 (the "Gas Purchase Agreement"), between Lehman Brothers Commodity Services, Inc. ("LBCS") and Main Street (the "BNYM LBCS Proof of Claim"), and (ii) a proof of claim, assigned claim number 29890 by the Debtors' claims agent, in connection with that certain Guarantee of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., dated as of April 1, 2008 (the "Guarantee"), in respect of LBCS's obligations under the Gas Purchase Agreement (the "BNYM LBHI Proof of Claim," and, together with the BNYM LBCS Proof of Claim, the "BNYM Proofs of Claim").
- E. WHEREAS, on September 21, 2009, Main Street filed, pursuant to the Bar Date Order, (i) a proof of claim, assigned claim number 21164 by the Debtors' claims agent, in connection with the Gas Purchase Agreement (the "Main Street LBCS Proof of Claim"), and (ii) a proof of claim, assigned claim number 21257 by the Debtors' claims agent, in connection with the Guarantee (the "Main Street LBHI Proof of Claim," and, together with the Main Street

LBCS Proof of Claim, the "Main Street Proofs of Claim," and, collectively with the "BNYM Proofs of Claim," the "Proofs of Claim"). 1

- F. WHEREAS, the Debtors have informed BNYM and Main Street that they dispute the amounts set forth in the Proofs of Claim.
- G. WHEREAS, on August 31, 2011, the Debtors filed the Third Amended Chapter 11 Plan [ECF No. 19628] (the "Plan"), and related disclosure statement.
- H. WHEREAS, BNYM has informed the Debtors that it may have objections to confirmation of the Plan.
- I. WHEREAS, BNYM has consulted with holders of the Main Street Bonds that hold over 75.7% of the Main Street Bonds, each of whom has directed the Trustee to enter into this Stipulation and Agreement.
- J. WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Parties have agreed on the terms set forth herein.

# IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the Debtors, BNYM, and Main Street through their undersigned attorneys, that:

- 1. This Stipulation and Agreement shall be effective immediately upon the approval of this Stipulation and Agreement by the Bankruptcy Court (the "Effective Date").
- 2. The BNYM LBHI Claim shall be an Allowed (as defined in the Plan) guarantee claim for all purposes under the Plan in LBHI Class 9A (Third Party Guarantee Claims Other Than Those of the Racers Trusts) in the amount of \$722,000,000. The BNYM LBCS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On September 16, 2011, the Debtors, BNYM and Main Street entered into an Stipulation and Agreement [ECF No. 20083] by which the parties agreed, among other things, that: (i) the holders of the Main Street Bonds would receive ballots directly from the Debtors for purposes of voting on the Plan and no ballots would be sent to BNYM or Main Street based on the Proofs of Claims; (ii) BNYM and Main Street would retain authority and standing to prosecute their respective Proofs of Claim, and the ability to exercise, for the benefit of any bond holders, rights either BNYM or Main Street may hold related thereto, including, without limitation, the establishment of any reserves under the Debtors' chapter 11 plan; and (iii) as between the proofs of claim filed by BNYM and Main Street only a single set of claims in connection with the Gas Purchase Agreement and the Guarantee would survive.

Claim shall be an Allowed claim for all purposes under the Plan in LBCS Class 4 (General Unsecured Claims, of third parties) in the amount of \$722,000,000. These Allowed claims shall not be subject to any further objection, reduction, recoupment, setoff, defense or counterclaim by the Debtors or amendment by BNYM. These claims shall be the only claims Allowed against the Debtors based on the Gas Purchase Agreement and the related transactions.

- 3. Upon the Effective Date of this Stipulation and Agreement, Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, the Court-appointed claim's agent (the "Claims Agent"), shall reflect the terms of this agreement on the official claims register.
- 4. BNYM, solely in its role as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds, and Main Street each agrees that it will not participate in the formulation of, file, prosecute, consent to or support any chapter 11 plan in the chapter 11 cases other than the Plan, or take any other action to alter, delay or impede the confirmation and consummation of the Plan.
- 5. The Debtors shall file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court in form and substance reasonably acceptable to BNYM on or prior to November 15, 2011 seeking approval of this Stipulation and Agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 (the "Motion"). The proposed order shall include the following language:

ORDERED that, all holders of the Main Street Bonds are bound by, and are deemed to have consented to the settlement of the BNYM Proofs of Claims and each of the other terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that, the Court having found the compromises set forth in the Motion and the Stipulation and Agreement to be fair and reasonable, there is no bona fide basis for any claims or actions by any holder of the Main Street Bonds, in such capacity, against the Debtors, BNYM (as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds or in its individual capacity), Main Street, or any of their respective legal counsel and/or financial advisors in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, and the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; *provided*, *however*,

that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors, BNYM (as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds or in its individual capacity), Main Street and each of their respective legal counsel and/or financial advisors shall have no liability for any claims, demands, suits, actions or causes of action in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, and the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; *provided*, *however*, that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that any holder of the Main Street Bonds, in such capacity, shall be forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from asserting, prosecuting or otherwise pursuing claims against BNYM, individually or as indenture trustee, Main Street or the Debtors that are in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, or the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; *provided*, *however*, that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

6. Monies held by BNYM in the Debt Service Fund, the Operating Reserve

Fund, the General Fund (as such terms are defined in the Gas Purchase Agreement) or any of the

other funds and accounts established by BNYM or Main Street for the benefit of the holders of the Main Street Bonds or Main Street pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Indenture, are not property of the Debtors' estates and are not subject to the automatic stay, and the Debtors hereby relinquish any and all rights, if any, that they may have in these funds.

- 7. Upon the Effective Date of this Stipulation and Agreement, the Main Street Proofs of Claim shall be deemed withdrawn with prejudice and the Claims Agent shall be authorized to reflect the withdrawal of such claims on the official register.
- 8. BNYM represents and warrants to the Debtors that BNYM filed the BNYM Proofs of Claim and has not sold, assigned or transferred the BNYM Proofs of Claim. Main Street represents and warrants to the Debtors that Main Street filed the Main Street Proofs of Claim and has not sold, assigned or transferred the Main Street Proofs of Claim.
- 9. This Stipulation and Agreement may only be amended or otherwise modified by a signed writing executed by the Parties.
- 10. Each person who executes this Stipulation and Agreement by or on behalf of a Party represents and warrants that he or she has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Stipulation and Agreement on behalf of such Party.
- 11. This Stipulation and Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, and it shall constitute sufficient proof of this Stipulation and Agreement to present any copy, copies, electronic copies, or facsimiles signed by the Parties.
- 12. This Stipulation and Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to the provisions, policies, or principles thereof relating to choice of law or conflict of laws.

13. Any disputes or controversies arising from this Stipulation and Agreement shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court.

Dated: November 9, 2011 New York, New York

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### **Proposed Order**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019 FOR APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE WITH THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE MAIN STREET BONDS AND MAIN STREET NATURAL GAS, INC.

Upon the motion (the "Motion"), of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI"), and Lehman Brothers Commodity Services Inc. ("LBCS" and together with LBHI and their affiliated debtors in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors-in-possession, the "Debtors"), pursuant to section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for approval of a Stipulation and Agreement¹ with The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. ("BNYM"), as indenture trustee and Main Street Natural Gas, Inc. ("Main Street"), as more fully set forth in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order M-61 Referring to Bankruptcy Judges for the Southern District of New York Any and All Proceedings Under Title 11, dated July 10, 1984 (Ward, Acting C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Motion.

the Motion having been provided to (i) the United States Trustee for Region 2; (ii) the attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors; (iii) the Securities and Exchange

Commission; (iv) the Internal Revenue Service; (v) the United States Attorney for the Southern

District of New York; (vi) the attorneys for BNYM; (vii) the attorneys for Main Street and (viii) all other parties entitled to notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010 governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases, ECF No. 9635; and the Court having found and determined that a reasonable time to object or be heard regarding the relief set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement has been afforded to all interested persons and entities (including the holders of the Main Street Bonds), the notice provided to the holders of the Main Street Bonds, as set forth in the Motion, is proper and sufficient, and that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors and their creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, the Stipulation and Agreement is approved, and LBHI and LBCS are each duly authorized to (i) consummate all of the transactions contemplated thereby and (ii) execute and deliver such documents and instruments and to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that upon, and subject to, the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement, the Debtors' Court-appointed claims agent is authorized to modify the claims register to reflect the terms thereof; and it is further

ORDERED that, all holders of the Main Street Bonds are bound by, and are deemed to have consented to the settlement of the BNYM Proofs of Claims and each of the other terms and conditions of the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that, the Court having found the compromises set forth in the Motion and the Stipulation and Agreement to be fair and reasonable, there is no bona fide basis for any claims or actions by any holder of the Main Street Bonds, in such capacity, against the Debtors, BNYM (as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds or in its individual capacity), Main Street, or any of their respective legal counsel and/or financial advisors in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, and the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; provided, however, that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors, BNYM (as indenture trustee for the Main Street Bonds or in its individual capacity), Main Street and each of their respective legal counsel and/or financial advisors shall have no liability for any claims, demands, suits, actions or causes of

action in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, and the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; provided, however, that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that any holder of the Main Street Bonds, in such capacity, shall be forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from asserting, prosecuting or otherwise pursuing claims against BNYM, individually or as indenture trustee, Main Street or the Debtors that are in any way related to the matters that are the subject of the Motion, the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order, or the prosecution of the BNYM Proofs of Claim or the Main Street Proofs of Claim; provided, however, that (i) nothing in this Order shall relieve Main Street from its obligations to perform under the Indenture, if any, or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds or BNYM, as indenture trustee to enforce such obligations against Main Street, (ii) nothing in this Order shall relieve BNYM from its obligations to perform under the Indenture or restrict the ability of the holders of Main Street Bonds to enforce such obligations against BNYM, and (iii) nothing in this Order shall relieve any party from its respective obligations under the Stipulation and Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that the Stipulation and Agreement and any related agreements, documents or other instruments may be modified, amended or supplemented by the parties

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thereto, in a writing signed by such parties, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of the Court, *provided* that any such modification, amendment or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors' estates; and it is further

ORDERED that the Bankruptcy Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the Stipulation and Agreement, this Order and any disputes arising thereunder.

Dated:	, 2011			
	New	York,	New	York

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE